

## NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place in the Greatest State in the Union.  
The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Little Actual Labor

The Spickard Gazette is another Missouri newspaper that has raised its subscription price.

A contributor to the Drexel Star asks its readers to pray for the city council there.

An exchange shouts that "dollar beef is in sight, and here's hoping that editor is the biggest liar on earth."—Ravenwood Gazette.

Washington township, in which is located Gullford, voted bonds Saturday in the sum of \$25,000 for good roads and bridges.

In a moment of mental abstraction—and in black face type on the front page—the Albany Ledger says it was "Bryan and Marshall."

Naturalists at Cape Girardeau are hooting at the story that the owl at the city zoo died of a broken heart because its mate died a few weeks before.

Purely in a spirit of neighborliness, the St. James Journal expresses the belief that some day St. Louis will be the national capital.

During the last census decade the value of Missouri lands doubled and correspondingly increased more than those of any state to her west, or any state bordering her on the north or south.

A Holden man declares against preparedness and says an invading army could not get more than four miles

from the coast on account of the nation's bad roads.

Caught in a rainstorm, Oscar Brann, a young man in Mercer county, took refuge in a friend's barn. Lightning struck the barn and killed both of Brann's horses, but did not hurt him; neither did it set the barn on fire.

The Maryville Commercial club has ordered 250 red, white and blue metal signs to be placed at the important crossroads of Nodaway county, pointing out the direction to Maryville.

Now that it has been learned that the original Jesse James is leading bandits in Mexico, the Springfield Republican thinks it's about time for somebody to discover Wilkes Booth down there.

Charles E. Stokes and H. P. Faria of Clinton, officers of the Missouri Dry Federation, filed a petition bearing 25,154 signatures in the secretary of state's office Friday calling for the submission of a prohibition amendment to the state constitution.

Clearmont ballots on the proposition of granting a franchise of twenty years to the Maryville Electric Light and Power company stood 53 to 0 in favor of the deal when the polls closed there Saturday. By the vote the citizens also adopted a ten-year contract for city lights.

Driving nails where they ought to be was the chief occupation of C. R.

Ramsay of Knoxville, who kept at it for sixty years, then retired. Mr. Ramsay is 75 years old and commenced being a carpenter when he was 15.

Missouri is a state of home owners, according to the state board of agriculture, which has just compiled statistics showing that the state has fewer rented farms than Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska or Oklahoma.

Marshall held a special election Monday, at which time the people of that town voted a bond issue of \$75,000 for the purpose of installing a municipal lighting plant there. The Missouri Gas & Electric Service company owns the present lighting plant in that city.

The sting of a bumblebee almost proved fatal to a Caldwell county man. The sting was just over the jugular vein and produced several hours of unconsciousness from which physicians at one time feared their patient would not rally.

Slater is looking forward to better things. Sanford Howard of The Ruxler heard some Alton officials talking the other day, and they hinted that the shops there would be enlarged at an expenditure of from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

There's money in overalls as well as in stockings. As "Bog" Gill of Chillicothe lay asleep in his home the other night a thief stole his blue duck overalls, thereby being made richer by \$20, to say nothing of the advantage of possessing a fine gold watch and a pocket knife.

Knowing the very general dislike evidenced for the capitalistic class, a Columbia minister who advertised in The Tribune the loss of a \$20 bill, issued a statement to the press saying that the money was not his. He had

borrowed it from his wife and lost it soon afterward.

More than two hundred dogs have been poisoned in Poplar Bluffs in the last few weeks, as many as thirty having been killed in one night. Indignant mourners for their pets are up in arms and something akin to a lynching bee may be on the program should the culprit be detected.

Are you chigger bitten? Try putting sulphur in your shoes. This simple means of prevention is said to be wholly effective. A state university expert is given as the author of the advice that lawns may be cleared of the troublesome pests by the sprinkling of sulphur in the grass, or by spraying the grass with strong soap suds.

A good wife is worth her weight in gold, yet many men have none. Other men do not appreciate the wives they have, classing them as liabilities. A wealthy Webb City mine operator recently paid into court more than \$58,000 in order to be rid of a former wife's divorce claims. Then he straightway married again.

The editor of the Parnell Sentinel evidently will have a friend at court when he makes his final accounting and presents his abstract to St. Peter at the gate of heaven. The Sentinel has published a communication from a minister, who concludes, "If you will print these articles I shall remember you in the day of judgment."

A self-acting sofa just large enough for two has been invented. If properly wound up, it will begin to ring a warning bell just before 10 o'clock. At one minute past 10 it splits apart, and while one half carries the daughter upstairs, the other half kicks the young man out the door.—Worth County Times.

Egyptian corn may look to its laurels. In a shipment of sweet pea seed received from Holland, a Livingston county man found two grains of oats. He planted the oats, and the Chillicothe Tribune says the results were astonishing. A sample exhibited in a Chillicothe bank shows forty-five stalks grown to a height of seven feet six inches from one grain of the oats.

Mrs. C. A. Scott, 2698 Park avenue, Kansas City, advertised a diamond ring for sale. A man and woman answered the advertisement. They asked to take the ring to a jeweler, to which Mrs. Scott consented. In the afternoon they brought the ring back. Investigating, Mrs. Scott found that the real stone worth \$250 had been replaced with an imitation.

That the last Missouri survivor of the Mexican war had died was the news dispatch sent out from north Missouri a few weeks ago, and the Branson Leader hastens to offer a correction. Two survivors of that war, The Leader declares, are yet alive in Taney county. Captain Van Zandt lives at Kirbyville and J. W. Estep, another Mexican war veteran, resides at Bradleyville.

A pure white squirrel with pink eyes was caught in the woods four miles southeast of Cameron by a party by the name of Filley. This is the second white squirrel caught in that vicinity lately, the other being caught by a party named Brooks. Both are males and both are young. Their owners prize them highly.—Cameron.

With a full set of teeth of 70, Newt Brandon of Boone county never used a toothbrush in his life. Mr. Brandon chewed tobacco from the time he was 10 years old until last Christmas, when he swofe off successfully. The Fulton Sun also tells of Mr. Brandon that some years ago when it was necessary to have his left foot amputated, he submitted to the ordeal without the use of an anesthetic.

A recently enacted ordinance at Cape Girardeau empowers peace officers there to "arrest" all chickens, ducks and geese that wander from their own fensides, especially when the wanderers invade the neighbors' gardens. A goose that goes to jail will be fined 25 cents, the penalty for ducks is a dime, while a chicken is let off for a nickel.

In the annual financial statement of Atchison county, which appeared in last week's Atchison County Mail, we discovered that \$234.84 was spent for the purpose of disinfecting the county jail. One hundred and twenty dollars worth of disinfectant was bought of the Worrell Manufacturing company, and \$114.84 from the American Disinfectant company. To require so much disinfectant, the Atchison county jail must have been the dirtiest jail in these United States of America.—Atchison County Mail.

Ed. V. Price, a well-known and wealthy Chicago clothing manufacturer, was raised in Savannah, and he

recently sent a Savannah bank \$20 in gold to be delivered to Sarah Wagner, an old colored auntie he held in kindly remembrance. Being asked by the banker if she had any use for the money, Sarah replied, "Yes, indeed, dah has been sebral things I been wantin', and I been askin' God to send me the money to get 'em, so God jes put it in Mr. Price's head and he sent it to me."

The issuance of a marriage license to a girl 14 years old set a new record for Callaway county where at least no one could recall an instance where a bride-to-be was so youthful. The father of the girl accompanied her to the recorder's office and gave consent. In addition to breaking a record, the issuance of the license proved the first issued in that county in twenty days.

Perhaps "Bennie," the clairvoyant who so successfully fleeced Carrollton and Richmond folks last winter, thought it was cheaper to move than pay rent, for early last March he mysteriously left Richmond. The move might have been all right, but he made the mistake of leaving his household goods in a rented house. With no rent forthcoming the landlord grew impatient, and the goods were sold last week to satisfy a claim for storage.

Clay county has developed a new sort of philanthropy. The Excelsior Springs Call tells of a farmer who brought to market a lot of meat which he refused to sell at the price offered because it was too high. He finally consented to accept 2 cents less on the pound than he was first offered. "I'd be ashamed to look a hog in the face after selling meat at 20 cents a pound," was his explanation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parshall of near Skidmore celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 4, when all of their children and their families, and also brothers and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Parshall were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Parshall were married in Fairfield, Iowa, July 4, 1866, and came to Nodaway county in 1872, first living in Quitman for six years and then moving to near Skidmore, which has been their home for the past thirty-six years. Mr. Parshall is 81 years old and is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio. Mrs. Parshall was born near Chili, Ohio, and is 69 years old. Both of them are in good health.

Six hundred dollars in debt two years ago, Henry Ford of Barry county has proved the productiveness of the soil and today owns forty-two acres of land well stocked with hogs and cattle. In addition to a good work team. His land is under fence, he is out of debt, and has a substantial house and barn. At the risk of appearing a bit partisan the "Greasy Creek" correspondent adds, "He and his family go to church and Sunday School and vote the Democratic ticket."

O. P. Gentry this week received from Washington his commission as postmaster, and will take charge of the office Saturday, that being the first of the month and the beginning of the third quarter of the year. The term of R. E. Ward, who has been postmaster the past eight and a half years, does not expire until Aug. 8, but he offered his resignation so the change could be made at the beginning of the quarter. He has made a splendid postmaster. He will resume the practice of law, and in a month or two will re-open his office in Liberty. Mr. Gentry will make a good postmaster, and will be the first Democrat to hold that position since the term of J. T. Riley expired, about twenty years ago.—Liberty Advance.

### STOP MARCH FOR DEVOTIONS

Soldiers Halted to Light Candles at Wayside Shrine in Stricken Country of Montenegro.

War is not all horror and death, as the following little story illustrates: On Christmas eve as a division of Hungarian Honveds marching through the Tara district in Montenegro was descending the serpentine road leading down steeply from the mountains the first regiment passed by a little wayside shrine of the Virgin and child. Two men stepped suddenly out of the ranks, lighted two small candles and placed them before the images.

Many others followed their examples and the number grew to probably 1,000 altogether. It was dusk and the spectacle of the tiny flames flickering clear in the still wintry air was a dramatic spectacle to behold.

So numerous were the gray worshippers that as the space immediately around the shrine gave out hundreds of Honveds dug their fingers into the ground around it.

The whole snow-covered meadow on which the shrine stood had been converted into a mass of flickering flames. Silently the men stood, sending their Christmas prayers to the "Christkind."

Then the snow and the dark and the slush of the road once more swallowed up the long column of the Black Mountain's invaders.—New York Sun.

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